

English Vocab for the 2016-2017 School Year

#1 Identity

- a. the qualities, beliefs, or traits that make a person or group different from others
- b. Noun
- c. When I visited the town where my parents grew up, I felt more in touch with my identity than I ever have before.

#2 Self (n/a)

- a. The evaluation of oneself as an individual, regardless of social position or standing
- b. Noun
- c. It was not until I started reading other people's autobiographies that I started thinking about the "self" and how it related to me.

#3 Feeble

- a. Lacking in force or effectiveness; weak
- b. adjective
- c. My brother always gave feeble excuses for why he could not do homework each night.

#4 Opportunist

- a. a person who takes advantage of a situation for personal gain, often by ignoring whether it is the right or wrong thing to do
- b. noun
- c. Harry accused Kellen of being an opportunist because he deliberately neglected homework when he knew a teacher would be absent the next day.

#5 Ethical

- a. something that relates to moral principles or beliefs
- b. adjective
- c. The doctor was questioning what the ethical choice was when faced with a dying patient who was asking to cut off all medicine.

#6 Dilemma

- a. a difficult situation or problem, often with two equally undesirable solutions
- b. noun
- c. Bobby faced the dilemma after seeing his friend cheat on the exam.

#7 Commemorate

- a. to pay tribute to or show respect for someone or something in a ceremony
- b. Verb
- c. The Redskins commemorated the anniversary of their last Super Bowl win by bringing the players on that team to the field during halftime.

#8 Anecdote

- a. a short, amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
- b. Noun
- c. When I started at a new school, I heard a lot of anecdotes from students about events from previous years there.

#9 Marked (“markt”)

- a. clearly noticeable or evident
- b. adjective
- c. There was a marked difference in the candidate’s debate performance after he received so much criticism in the first debate.

#10 Aloof

- a. Not friendly or warm; distant and detached
- b. adjective
- c. John was aloof at the party, choosing instead to play on his phone for most of the night.